REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents

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a.

Previously submitted

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

| Application Number | | 09/778,764 |
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| Confirmation Number | | 4162 |
| Filing Date | | February 8, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | | Bart Joseph Gerard PAUWELS |
| Group Art Unit | | 2665 |
| Examiner Name | | Daniel J. RYMAN |
| Matter | Number | Q62997 |
| Title | A SWITCH AN | D A SWITCHING METHOD |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

| | lease enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 reviously filed on | | | |
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| ii. □ C | onsider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | | | |
| | other | | | |
| b. 🗹 Enclosed | | | | |
| i. ☑ A | mendment/Reply | | | |
| ii. □ A | dfidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | | | |
| | nformation Disclosure Statements (IDS) | | | |
| iv.□ P | etition for Extension of Time | | | |
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| perio | NEOUS ension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a do of months or | | | |
| requested, and t authorized to ch | E statutory fee of \$790.00 is being paid through the Electronic Filing System. An extension of time is he statutory fee is being paid through the Electronic Filing System. The USPTO is directed and large all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-so credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. | | | |
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